



INP0005-US

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

RUSCHE ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/781,913

Filed: February 20, 2004

For: DUAL USE COUNTERS FOR
ROUTING LOOPS AND SPAM
DETECTION

Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper. However, should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1390, under Order No.

INP0005-US and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

04/29/2004 EAREGAY1 00000025 501390 10781913

01 FC:1806 180.00 DA

Serial No.: 10/781,913
Art Unit: Unknown

Attorney's Docket No.: INP0005-US
Page 2

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that each reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This submission does not represent that any referenced document is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that one or more of the referenced documents constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the reference or references.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any referenced document, should it be applied against the claims of the present application.

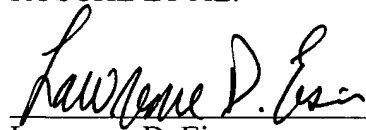
SHAW PITTMAN LLP
1650 Tysons Boulevard
McLean, VA 22102
Tel: 703/770-7900

Date: April 28, 2004

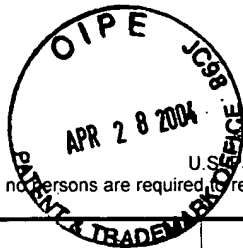
Respectfully submitted,

RUSCHE ET AL.

By:


Lawrence D. Eisen
Registration No. 41,009

Customer No. 28970



PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Application Number	10/781,913
		Filing Date	February 20, 2004
		First Named Inventor	RUSCHE ET AL.
		Art Unit	
		Examiner Name	
Sheet 1	of 1	Attorney Docket Number	INP0005-US

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number- Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US-5,351,235	09/1994	Lahtinen	
		US-5,621,727	04/1997	Vaudreuil	
		US-5,768,509	06/1998	Gunluk	
		US-5,887,249	03/1999	Schmid	
		US-5,894,478	04/1999	Barzegar et al.	
		US-6,208,870 B1	03/2001	Lorello et al.	
		US-6,230,009 B1	05/2001	Holmes et al.	
		US-6,366,663 B1	04/2002	Bauer et al.	
		US-6,421,437 B1	07/2002	Slutsman	
		US-6,535,746 B1	03/2003	Yu et al.	
		US-6,560,226 B1	05/2003	Torrey et al.	
		US-6,658,260 B2	12/2003	Knotts	
		US-2002/0029189 A1	03/2002	Titus et al.	
		US-2002/0112014 A1	08/2002	Bennett et al.	
		US-2003/0083078 A1	05/2003	Allison et al.	
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		EP 0 777 394 A1	12/1995	ALCATEL BELL		<input type="checkbox"/>
		EP 0 959 600 A1	04/1999	Phone.Com, Inc.		<input type="checkbox"/>
		WO 97/20442	11/1996	TELEFONAKTIEBO LAGET LM ERICSSON		<input type="checkbox"/>
		WO 97/36434	03/1996	Corrigan, Lewis		<input type="checkbox"/>
		WO 99/11078	08/1998	TELEFONAKTIEBO LAGET LM ERICSSON		<input type="checkbox"/>
		WO 99/33226	12/1998	Coveley, Michael		<input type="checkbox"/>
		WO 00/41533	01/2000	INFOSPACE.COM, INC.		<input type="checkbox"/>
		WO 02/25875 A1	09/2001	NIKlasson, Sven		<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.